

RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOME UNIT

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The unit chief or designee will notify the family in person, when possible, as listed on Form CAL FIRE-31, Emergency Notification Information. Copies of Form CAL FIRE-31 will remain accessible to the ECC and unit chief or designee.

The home unit will assign a liaison to the burn center, normally at the battalion or division chief level, who should be knowledgeable in workers' compensation procedures and benefits, and who will remain assigned as long as needed. The liaison will provide reassurance, emotional support and information to the patient and family, and any other general assistance as appropriate.

In cases of extensive burns, the liaison (through channels) should request the assistance of a State Compensation Insurance Fund (SCIF) catastrophic injury specialist. This specialist can authorize expenditures necessary to bring the patient's family to the burn center, if the treating physician believes that their presence will assist the patient's recovery.

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